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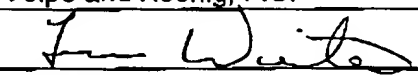
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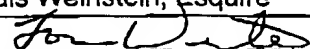
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compact cameras, a ranging unit for active AF (automatic focusing) having therein an IRED (infrared ray emitting diode) and a PSD (position sensitive device) is usually used. In these compact cameras, the aperture of their photographing lenses is relatively smaller and the lens barrel unit is relatively shorter than the size of their camera bodies. Therefore, the position where the above-mentioned ranging unit for AF is mounted is hardly limited and this unit can be arranged at an appropriate position on the front of the cameras. It is necessary that a light beam emitted from the front and a light beam which the front receives are not blocked

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